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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2006

Dry conditions have returned to the Commonwealth this week. Days suitable for field work were 6.4. Average precipitation for the state was considerably below normal at 0.32 inches. Average temperatures continued to be cooler than normal this week, although warmer temperatures came by the end of the week. Windy, dry conditions and a shift to summer-like temperatures have caused stress to crops in some areas. Dry weather conditions have been helpful for crop planting and hay harvest. Good progress was made this week for harvesting hay, but the first cutting was reported to be short this year. Pastures are still short causing problems for some cattle producers. Strawberry farmers continued harvesting an excellent crop of berries. Other farm activities this week included side-dressing corn, planting full season soybeans, and applying post-emergence herbicides.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 30, 2006	18	33	41	8
May 7, 2006	10	30	56	4
May 14, 2006	4	20	66	10
May 21, 2006	4	22	71	3
May 28, 2006	8	30	61	1

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	6	17	31	40	6
Livestock	2	4	21	64	9
Other Hay	6	24	39	25	6
Alfalfa Hay	3	12	42	37	6
Corn	0	4	22	65	9
Winter Wheat	1	10	36	48	5
Barley	2	15	29	50	4
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	4	8	46	38	4
Peanuts	0	0	20	80	0
Cotton	0	14	44	42	0
All Apples	0	0	12	88	0
Peaches	0	5	41	53	1
Grapes	0	1	22	75	2

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn Planted	96	91	96	94
Corn Emerged	83	75	78	67
Soybeans Planted	46	27	41	35
Soybeans Emerged	22	NA	25	18
Winter Wheat Harvested	1	NA	1	1
Barley Harvested	2	2	7	8
Tobacco, Flue-Cured Transplanted	94	86	97	93
Tobacco, Burley Transplanted	50	11	29	45
Tobacco, Dark Fire-Cured Transplanted	69	42	73	78
Peanuts Planted	93	83	83	92
Cotton Planted	98	95	93	98

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2006

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	72	41	55	-10	1.01	0.22	4
Warrenton	75	45	59	-5	0.76	-0.2	3
Winchester 7 SE	71	38	55	-9	1.3	0.46	4
Dale Enterprise	67	38	54	-10	0.7	-0.07	2
WESTERN							
Glasgow	78	42	57	-8	0.15	-0.69	1
Roanoke AP	79	42	58	-7	0.43	-0.48	1
Waynesboro	76	40	55	-7	0.63	-0.21	1
Staunton AG	73	42	56	-6	0.52	-0.32	1
CENTRAL							
Charlottesville	80	45	59	-8	0.66	-0.51	2
Piedmont Res ST	79	43	59	-6	0.3	-0.75	3
Bremo Bluff	84	41	61	-4	0.53	-0.45	4
Richmond AP	81	47	62	-5	0.47	-0.44	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	77	52	64	-2	0.33	-0.44	3
Wallops Island	77	47	63	-4	0.43	-0.34	3
Williamsburg	81	48	64	-3	0.53	-0.54	3
Keysville	83	45	62	-4	1.59	0.69	3
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	71	37	52	-9	0.81	-0.1	3
Wytheville	71	37	51	-10	0.88	-0.03	4
Saltville	73	40	54	-9	1.4	0.35	5
Richlands	70	38	52	-6	0.97	-0.08	4
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	78	39	57	-8	0.51	-0.57	3
Danville AG	82	46	60	-7	0.84	-0.07	2
Chatham	79	39	56	-9	0.67	-0.31	4
Martinsville	79	38	57	-8	0.97	-0.01	6
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	79	51	62	-4	1.45	0.61	3
Oceana	77	48	61	-4	1.93	1.03	2
Emporia	82	46	60	-4	1.19	0.35	3
Newport News	80	50	62	-3	2.16	1.32	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.